

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, given the State of National Emergency declared by the President of the United States, the State of Emergency declared by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis which is applicable to all Florida counties and the State of Local Emergency declared by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director; and further pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 2020-52 dated March 9, 2020; and further in accordance with the direction provided by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director through Emergency Orders promulgated after the March 17, 2020 Proclamation establishing a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida; and further based upon the unprecedented threat to the health safety and welfare of the community presented by the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida (BOCC), shall conduct its regularly-scheduled meetings in accordance with the following emergency meeting protocols and procedures until further notice:

1. The meeting of the BOCC shall be conducted exclusively through the use of an internet-based telephonic meeting application called Cisco Webex and shall NOT be conducted in person at the Bradford County Courthouse;
2. The BOCC shall participate in the aforementioned meeting through the use of telephonic means and shall NOT be present at the Bradford County Commission meeting room located at the Bradford County Courthouse;
3. The Bradford County Courthouse is closed to the public and the public should NOT attempt to gather at or attend the meeting of the BOCC at the Bradford County Courthouse;
4. The public is encouraged to participate in the BOCC meeting through the use of telephonic conferencing as outlined herein;
5. Anyone interested in participating in the BOCC meeting may access the meeting through telephonic means and may utilize the following protocols given their specific, individual interest(s):
 - i. Public Comment Participation: Anyone interested in participating in the meeting by providing public comment(s) may access the meeting as follows:
 - a. Contact the Office of the County Manager three days prior to a scheduled meeting to receive a unique call-in number and access code.

NOTE: Anyone providing public comment(s) will be able to listen to the entirety of the aforementioned meeting but will only be permitted to speak during the portion of

the meeting for which they have requested to make public comment(s). The Cisco Webex system will restrict all participants from speaking during the meeting except for during the time for which they have requested to make public comment(s). The following protocols for public comments will be enforced:

- Three (3) minutes per speaker;
 - Comments will not be accepted after the meeting begins.
 - State your name and address into the record before speaking;
 - Address your questions to the Board, not county staff;
 - Refrain from demands for an immediate board response;
 - No boisterous behavior; and
 - No personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks.
- ii. Listen Only Participation: Anyone interested in participating in the meeting but who does not desire to provide a public comment(s) may access the meeting as follows:
- a. Call the telephone number provided in the meeting advertisement and on the BOCC website and enter the access code advertised on the meeting agenda and in the legal advertisement for that BOCC meeting.

NOTE: Anyone participating in the meeting through one of these two means will NOT be able to speak during the meeting or otherwise provide public comment(s). Anyone interested in speaking during the meeting and/or providing public comments MUST contact the Office of the County Manager as outlined above and herein;

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida advises the public and individuals participating in the aforementioned meeting as outlined herein that the Cisco Webex system provides for the recording and maintenance of the audio for the meeting. As such, and as is typically the case for traditional BOCC meetings, a complete audio record of the aforementioned meeting will be made and maintained.

Given the unprecedented emergency nature of this meeting, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida intends to make every reasonable effort to limit the agenda for the aforementioned meeting to matters which necessitate immediate action and which have a direct impact on the health, safety and welfare of the community. Consideration or discussion of all other matters will be postponed or delayed to the fullest extent possible. The agenda for the aforementioned meeting will be published online not less than six days prior to the date of the meeting.

In the event that anyone has a question regarding the aforementioned meeting and/or the emergency meeting protocols and procedures is strongly encouraged to contact the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 or by electronic mail at rachel_rhoden@bradfordcountyfl.gov.